

# 1000 Books Before Kindergarten



- **What is 1000 Books Before Kindergarten?**

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is an early literacy program that encourages families to read together at home. Research has shown that reading aloud to your child can help build their language and literacy skills, as well as prepare them for school.

The goal is to have your child read or listen to 1000 books before they start kindergarten. The program is self-paced and program duration will depend on how often you read together.

**If you read one book a day for a year, you will have read 365 books.**

**If you read three books a day for a year, you will have read 1095 books.**

- **Who can participate?**

Any child, ages newborn-5, who has not started kindergarten can participate.

- **How can my child participate?**

Visit the Children's Desk at the Orange Public Library & History Center or Branch One Desk to register and pick up a starter kit.

- Each time you read a book with your child, color in a circle on your reading log.
- Bring your reading log(s) and certificate from your starter kit to the Children's Desk at the Orange Public Library & History Center or Branch One Desk after every 250 books read, to receive a certificate sticker and/or prize.
  - Prizes are earned after reading 500 books and 1000 books, and must be picked up in person at any Orange Public Library.
- Once your child reads 1000 books, they will receive a FREE book to keep and continue their reading journey!

- **Visit our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten webpage at:**

<https://bit.ly/opl-1000-bbk>